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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For (title): Building Wall for Resisting Lateral Forces

1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for a continuation application.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application (35 U.S.C. Sections 119(e), 120, or 121)

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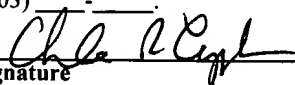
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APPLICATION CLAIMED.

**A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design Application)**

**B. Other Papers Enclosed**

#### 4. Additional Papers Enclosed

Cancel in this applications claims 2, 9, 10, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 31, 33, and 34 before calculating the filing fee.

**Enclosed**

## 6. Inventorship Statement

## 7. Language

## 8. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc. will follow.

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**9. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)**

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## CLAIMS AS FILED

| Claims   | Number Filed | Basic Fee Allowance | Number Extra | Rate     | Basic Fee<br>37 CFR 1.16(a)<br>\$710.00 |
|--|--------------|---------------------|--------------|----------|---|
| Total Claims<br>(37 CFR 1.16(c))                           | 23           | - 20 =              | 3 x          | \$18.00  | \$54.00                                 |
| Independent Claims<br>(37 CFR 1.16(b))                     | 1            | - 3 =               | 0 x          | \$80.00  | \$0.00                                  |
| Multiple Dependent<br>Claim(s), if any<br>(37 CFR 1.16(d)) |              |                     | +            | \$270.00 | \$0.00                                  |

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Filing Fee Calculation

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**10. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

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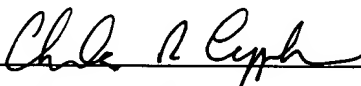
This application is a continuation of pending U.S. patent application 08/975,940.

**15. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application**

**16. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed**

- a. This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventors in this application are the same.

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